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pertaining to agriculture. The Commission formulates and makes proposals for the advancement of agriculture, assists in the promotion of Maryland agricultural industries and products and advises the Department of Natural Resources on proposed wetland regulations.

The Commission consists of seventeen members of whom the principal administrative officer for agricultural affairs of the University of Maryland serves ex officio. The remaining sixteen members are appointed by the Governor for three-year terms as follows: two representing the dairy segment; two representing the poultry segment; one the livestock segment; one the tobacco segment; one the nursery segment; one the horticulture segment; one the field crop segment; one the vegetable segment; one from the veterinary profession; one nominated by the Maryland State Grange; one nominated by the Maryland Farm Bureau; and three appointed at large from services related to agriculture. No appointed person may serve more than two consecutive terms. The Board selects its own officers and is responsible for liaison between segments of the agricultural industry and the executive and the legislative branches of the State and Federal governments (Agriculture Art., secs. 2-201 to 2-205).

Staff: 2.

INSPECTOR OF TOBACCO STATE TOBACCO WAREHOUSE

Vacancy, State Inspector of Tobacco Cheltenham 20623 Office: Parole Plaza Office Building,

Annapolis 21401 Telephone: 269-2161

The Inspector of Tobacco, an office established by Chapter 314, Acts of 1898, is appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture with the approval of the Governor. He must be a resident of one of the tobacco growing counties and a tobacco grower or a duly qualified tobacco dealer. The Inspector of Tobacco inspects and grades tobacco grown, sold, or stored within the State of Maryland. He also supervises the State Tobacco Warehouse and all property connected therewith

in Cheltenham (Agriculture Art., secs. 7-301 to 7-326).

Staff: 1.

STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

President: Arthur J. Blaney, D.V.M, 1977 Vice-President: James E. McClellan, D.V.M., 1979

Robert E. Patterson, D.V.M., 1979; Arthur H. Peck, V.M.D., 1979; Eugene Holmes, D.V.M., 1980; Carol Johnson, 1981.

Secretary Treasurer: Harry L. Schultz, Jr., V.M.D., 1978

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Annapolis 21401 Telephone: 269-2335

The State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, established by Chapter 273, Acts of 1894, and enlarged by Chapter 635, Acts of 1974, is composed of seven members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Each appointment is made from a list of at least three names for each vacancy submitted to the Governor by the Secretary of Agriculture for five-year terms. Five of the members shall be veterinarians who are licensed and registered and engaged in active practice. Of these five, two must have their practices predominantly for large animals. Two members of the Board shall not be veterinarians.

The Board passes upon the qualifications of candidates for licenses to practice veterinary medicine in the State and examines such persons. It may conduct hearings and pass upon complaints of illegal or unethical practices or sanitation requirements and may institute proceedings in the courts against those engaged in illegal practice (Agriculture Art., secs. 2-301 to 2-313).

Staff: 1975, 3; 1976, 2; 1977, 1.

WHOLESOME MEAT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Chairman: Alvin Manger

David R. Berzon, 1977; Roland E. Darcey, 1977; Walter Eiker, 1977; Roy L. Hoffman, 1977; Henry Holloway, 1977;